SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to instructions, I talked to Congressman Gerald Ford (R-Michigan), at 1:05 p.m. today at San Francisco. He is staying at the Jack Tar Hotel.

I told Congressman Ford that the Director, of course, knew of the allegations by Holmes Alexander in Dallas, Texas, to the effect that Congressman Ford was involved in releasing Oswald's diary to the Dallas Morning News. I mentioned to Congressman Ford that the Director knew, of course, that this was a false allegation and that we desired to be of service to him in connection with the matter. I told him that the Director thought perhaps he might desire to be interviewed by the Special Agent in Charge of our San Francisco Office in order to completely deny the allegations. I mentioned to Congressman Ford that the Director had in mind that if these allegations received publicity, the Congressman, after being interviewed, would be in a good position to state that he had been interviewed by the FBI, who is investigating this matter, and had completely denied the allegations. I also told Congressman Ford that, of course, the Director wanted him to know that the interview could wait until his return on July 23, 1964, if he so desired.

Congressman Ford was most appreciative for the telephone call. He asked that his highest regards be expressed to the Director for thinking of him concerning this matter. He stated that things were so hectic at the convention that he would appreciate it if he could wait until his return on July 23, 1964, and that I should come up to his office for the interview. I told him we would abide by his wishes in this regard.

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